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Applicant(s): Turner *et al.*

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Title: Novel Human Thrombospondin-Like Proteins and Polynucleotides Encoding the Same
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
DATED MAY 14, 2002

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M.G.J.
9/23/02

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The Applicants acknowledge the receipt of the Office Action ("the Action") mailed on May 14, 2002 (Paper No. 10), which has been carefully reviewed and studied. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the following amendments and remarks. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the following amendments and remarks. In order to facilitate the Examiner's evaluation of the application, Applicants have attempted to address the objections and rejections in Paper No.10 in the same order in which they were originally raised.

Also included herewith as Exhibit A is a marked-up version of the claims showing the amendments made herein; as Exhibit B is a clean copy of the claims that will be pending upon entry of the present amendment.

A Petition for an Extension of Time of one month to and including September 14, 2002, which falls on a Saturday, and is therefore extended until September 16, 2002 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.7, and authorization to deduct the fee as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3) from Applicants' Deposit Account are included. The response is thus timely filed. Applicants believe no fees in addition to the fee for the extension of time are due in connection with this response. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0892.